Sales Depot in Bombay.

126 *MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who is in charge of the Sales Depot in Bombay;

(*b*) what is his pay or allowance ;

(*c*) when he was appointed ;

(*d*) what are his special qualifications for the office ; and

(*e*) what is the nature of the work he has turned out ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : (*a*) Mr. K. Venkitaraman, the Attorney Holder is in charge pending the appointment of a Trade Agent *vice* Mr. Kanji Dwarak Das after consultation with important Commercial Organisations in Travancore.

(*b*) No pay has been sanctioned to him ; but he is allowed T. A. at the rates allowed to First Class Officers.

(*c*) 3rd August 1937.

(*d*) His business expereince.

(*e*) He is in general charge of the Sales Depot.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know why no pay has been sanctioned to the Attorney Holder for the agency work at Bombay ? Is this the practice of Government ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : At present he gets no pay. He has not asked for any pay either.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Am I to take it that he will not be given pay till it is sanctioned ?

PRESIDENT : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Is it the practice of Government to accept the voluntary services offered by an individual without paying him ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : If a gentleman is prepared to work honorarily, there is nothing wrong in accepting such service. There are such honorary workers on Municipal Councils, Village Panchayat Courts etc.

MR. THANU PILLAI : Is there no money responsibility so far as this officer is concerned ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : A security has been taken from him for Rs. 10,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : When there is money responsibility, why should Government go in for the voluntary services and put themselves under an obligation ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : The Government will appoint a paid Trade Agent very soon. The question is under consideration.

PRESIDENT : As a matter of fact it was intended to make the appointment within a week or two if the commercial associations of Travancore had combined and nominated somebody. But they have concentrated on some different points and have not come to an unanimous conclusion. The delay is entirely due to that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Will the Government please consider the desirability of putting a man, whoever he may be, for carry ing on work?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : The matter is under consideration.

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MR. P. K. KUNJU : ഏതെല്ലാം കമേഴ്സിയൽ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുമായി ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടാണ് ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : ടൈപിസ്റ്റ് ഏജന്റിനെ ഇപ്പോഴം നിയമിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. തൽക്കാലം ആ ജോലി നോക്കുന്നതിനു മാത്രമെ ഒരാളെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളൂ. ടൈപിസ്റ്റ് ഏജന്റിനെ സ്ഥിരമായി നിയമിക്കുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതേയുള്ളൂ.

MR P. K. KUNJU : എന്റെ ചോദ്യം അതല്ല.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : എന്നാൽ ചോദ്യം മനസ്സിലായില്ല.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഏതെല്ലാം കമേഴ്സിയൽ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുമായി ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടാണ് അറേറാർണി ഫോർഡിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

RAO BAHADUR RAJY SEVANIRATA DR. N. KUJNAN PILLAI : അങ്ങിനെ ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

Appointment of Government Photographer.

127 *MR. P. K. KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a non-Travancorean has been appointed as a Government Photographer on Rs. 50 ;

(*b*) whether the Government has invited applications for this post before this appointment was made ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, how many applicants there were ;

(*d*) whether this appointment was made in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner ; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the negative, whether they will be pleased to state the reasons thereof ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*e*) In view of answer to (*a*), the other questions do not arise.

Appointment of chain-men in the Survey Department.

128 *MR. P. K. KUNJU : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of those who have been recruited as chain-men in the year 1113 ; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to state the name of the Officer who made the selection ?

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